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SUBJECT: ADVANCED CONSULAR COURSE

1. THE SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES OF THE FOREIGN
SERVICE INSTITUTE WILL CONDUCT THE ADVANCED CONSULAR
COURSE (C105) MAY 15-26. THIS COURSE IS AVAILABLE TO
MID-CAREER CONSULAR OFFICERS (FSO-5 THROUGH FSO-3) WHO
HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE POTENTIAL FOR SENIOR CONSULAR AND
PROGRAM DIRECTION POSITIONS.

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2. THE COURSE IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE
OVERVIEW OF CONSULAR ACTIVITIES EMPHASIZING CURRENT
TRENDS AND PROBLEMS, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES,
AND PLANS AND PROGNOSTICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE COURSE
WILL PRIMARILY USE THE SEMINAR APPROACH, WITH SELECTED
HIGH-LEVEL, POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT

COMPRISING THE MAJOR RESOURCE GROUP AND DISCUSSION LEADERS.
IN ADDITION, WORKSHOPS WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ARE PLANNED.

3. IN THE PAST, THE ADVANCED CONSULAR COURSE OFTEN HAS
BEEN SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFERING OF THE
EXECUTIVE PERFORMANCE SEMINAR. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS NOT
PROVED POSSIBLE TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS

RUNNING OF THE ADVANCED COURSE.

4. COURSE ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO ABOUT 15,
INCLUDING TWO INS PARTICIPANTS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE
SELECTED BY FSI, CA AND PER, WITH PER/FCA/CON COORDINATING
THE SELECTION. INTERESTED OFFICERS SHOULD, THEREFORE,
CONTACT THEIR PERSONNEL COUNSELORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF THEY WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MAY OFFERING
OF THE ADVANCED COURSE.

5. FSI FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
AND PER DIEM COSTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED FROM OVERSEAS
POSTS. FISCAL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL ORDER ISSUANCE
WILL BE INCLUDED IN CABLES NOTIFYING POSTS OF ACCEPTANCE
OF STUDENTS. QUALIFYING OFFICERS WHO WILL BE IN THE
U.S. DURING COURSE PERIOD ON HOME LEAVE OR TRANSFER
ORDERS WILL ALSO, OF COURSE, BE WELCOME.
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6. BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS BELIEVE THAT
TRAINING IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO OUR ADEQUATELY
CARRYING OUT OUR CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES. POST
MANAGEMENT IS, THEREFORE, STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT
ATTENDANCE BY CONSULAR OFFICERS WHO MAY BE SELECTED FOR
THE ADVANCED COURSE. VANCE

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